

## REMARKS

### *Specification Amendments*

The paragraph starting on page 28, line 18 and continuing on page 29 has been amended  
5 to delete an informal statement.

### *Claim Status*

Claims 2-4 were indicated by the Examiner to be allowed if rewritten in independent form.  
The applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out the allowable subject matter.

10 Original claim 2, which depended from claim 1, was allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate limitations recited in original claim 2. Dependent claims 2, 3, 4 and 7 have been amended to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the invention and/or correct antecedent basis. Claims 13-20 have been canceled.

### *Regarding Claim Objections*

15 Claim 10 was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of claim 7, from which it depends.

20 In reply, claim 7 has been amended with a removal of a limitation rendering the objection moot.

***Regarding 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection***

Claims 1 and 5-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Smith et al. (US 7,096,416) in view of Weber et al. (US 5,564,005).

- 5 In reply, it is noted that original claim 2, which depended from independent and original claim 1, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations to the converting step recited in original claim 2. Accordingly, independent claim 1 should be allowed.

## CONCLUSION

The Applicant hereby submits a bona fide attempt to address the objection and rejections in the Office Action and argues why the present claims are different from the art of record.

- 5 The Examiner is sincerely invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-424-0100 for clarification or any suggested actions such as an Examiner's Amendment to accelerate prosecution and forward the present application to allowance. Allowance of the claims now in the application is kindly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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